

Supplementary Material

The Phosphorus Economy of Mediterranean Oak Saplings Under Global Change

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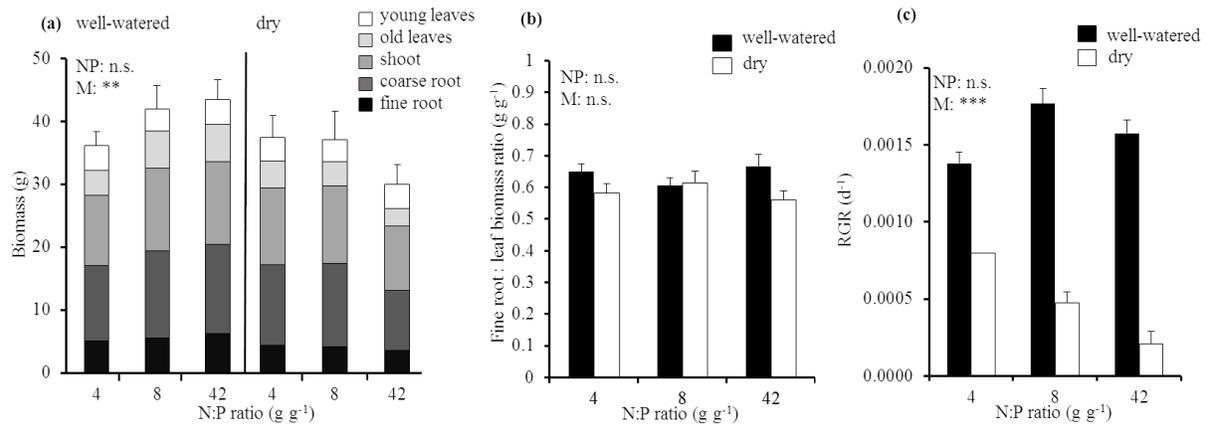
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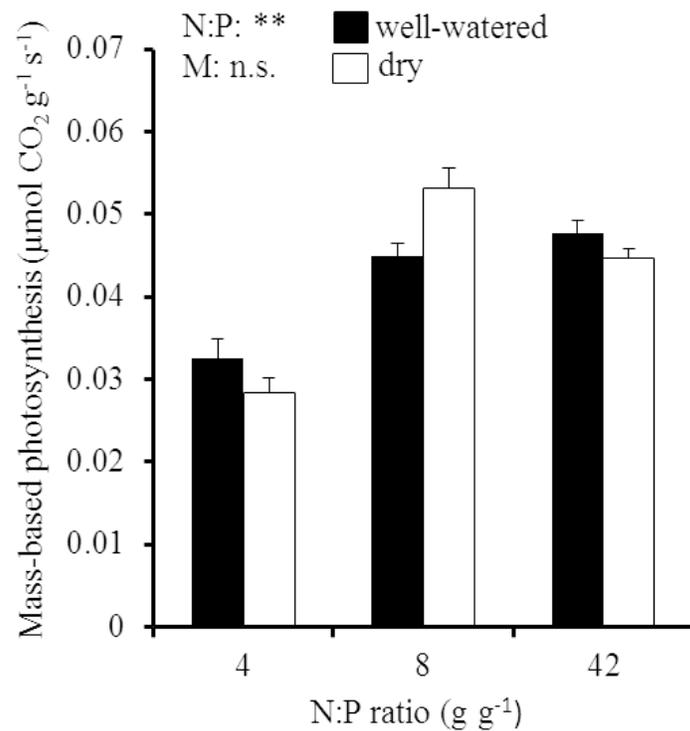
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1 Supplementary Figures and Tables

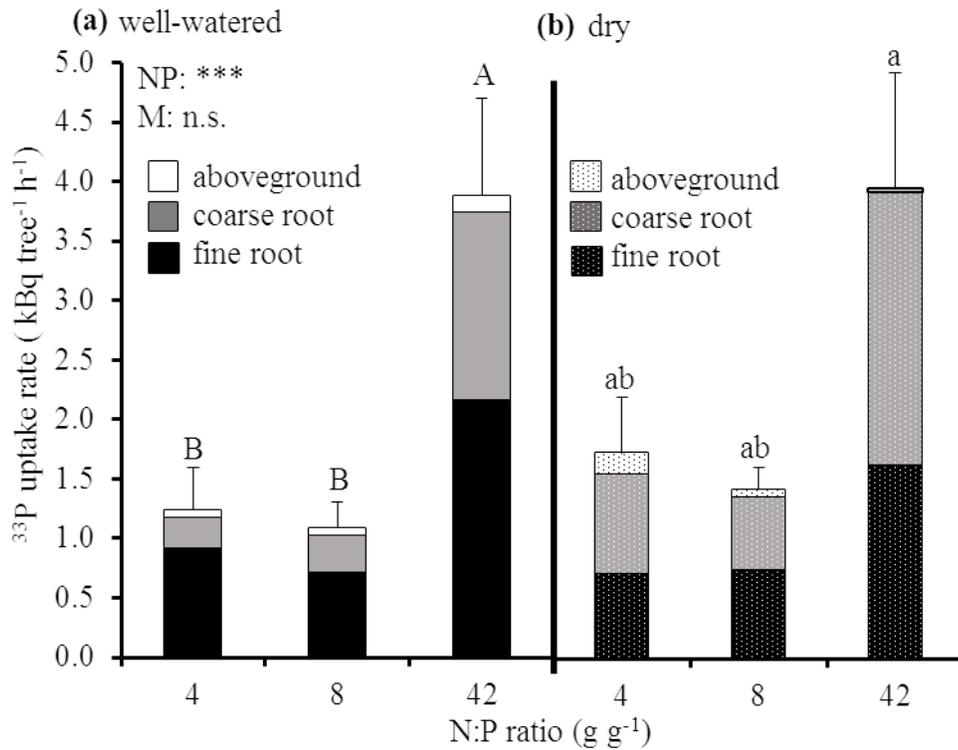
1.1 Supplementary Figures



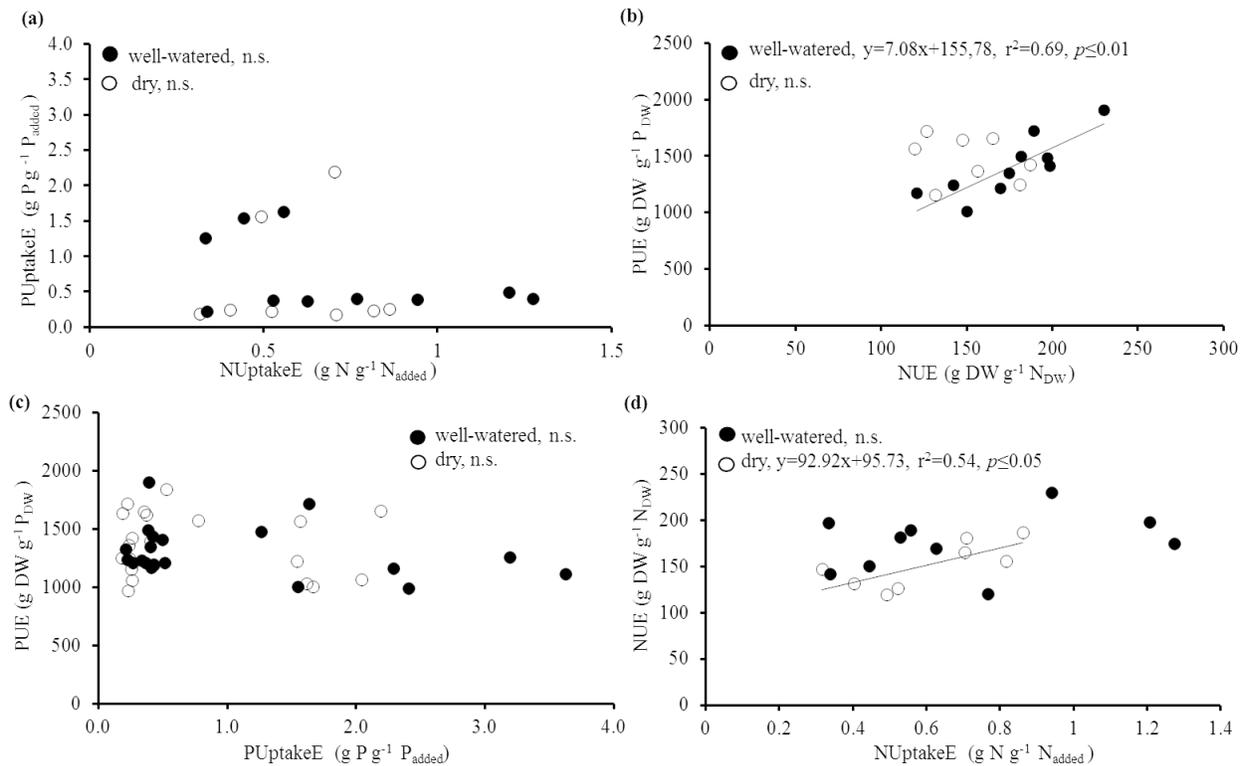
SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE 1 (A) Biomass, (B) fine root:leaf biomass ratio, and (C) relative growth rate (RGR) of young Palestine oak (*Quercus calliprinos*) trees grown at increasing soil N:P ratio and decreasing soil moisture in a climate chamber. Shown are means and standard errors for replicate saplings (n = 48). The results of two-way ANOVAs on the significance of the effect of soil N:P ratio (NP) or soil moisture (M) are indicated by asterisks (*) and ** for $p \leq 0.001$ and 0.01; n.s., not significant).**



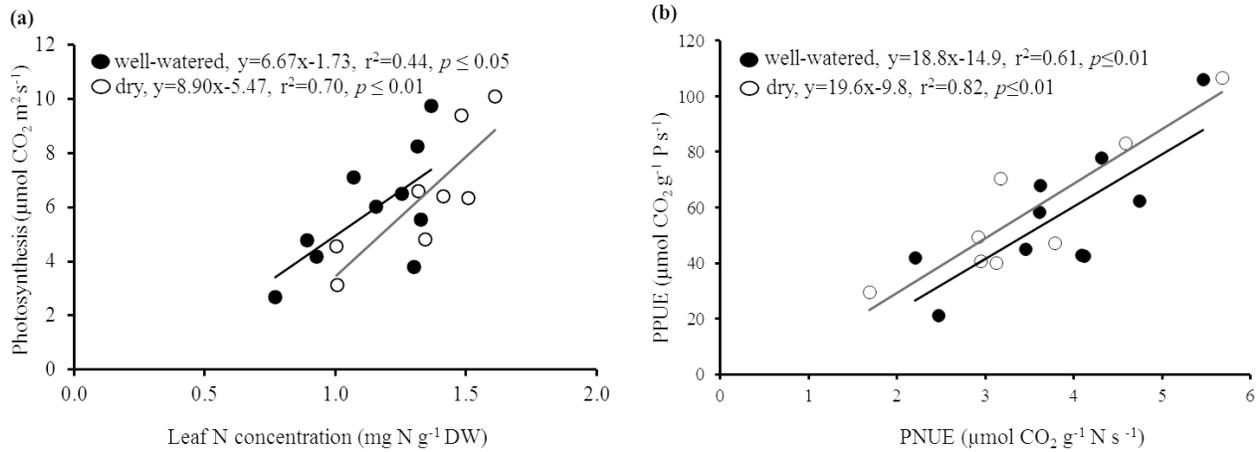
SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE 2 Mass-based instantaneous late-summer photosynthesis of young Palestine oak (*Quercus calliprinos*) trees grown at increasing soil N:P ratio and decreasing soil moisture in a climate chamber. Shown are means and standard errors for replicate saplings ($n = 24$). The results of two-way ANOVAs on the significance of the effect of soil N:P ratio (NP) or soil moisture (M) are indicated by asterisks (** for $p \leq 0.01$; n.s., not significant).



SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE 3 ³³P uptake rate of fine roots, coarse roots and aboveground compartments of young Palestine oak (*Quercus calliprinos*) trees grown at increasing soil N:P ratio in (A) well-watered and (B) dry soil conditions in a climate chamber. Shown are means and standard errors for replicate saplings (n = 24). The results of two-way ANOVAs on the significance of the effect of the N:P ratio (NP) or soil moisture (M) are indicated by asterisks (***) for $p \leq 0.001$; n.s., not significant). Significant differences at $p \leq 0.05$ between soil N:P ratios are indicated for well-watered soil by different upper-case letters and for dry soil by different lower-case letters.



SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE 4 Regression analyses on the dependence of (A) long-term P uptake efficiency (PUptakeE) from N uptake efficiency (NUptakeE) (B) P use efficiency (PUE) from N use efficiency (NUE), (C) PUE from PUptakeE, and (D) NUE from NUptakeE in young Palestine oak (*Quercus calliprinos*) trees grown at increasing soil N:P ratio and decreasing soil moisture. Significant relations are indicated for well-watered soil by black lines and for dry soil by grey lines ($p \leq 0.05$).



SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE 5 Regression analyses on the dependence of (A) area-based instantaneous late-summer photosynthesis from leaf N concentration and (B) instantaneous late-summer photosynthetic P use efficiency (PPUE) from instantaneous late-summer photosynthetic N use efficiency (PNUE) in young Palestine oak (*Quercus calliprinos*) trees grown at increasing soil N:P ratio and decreasing soil moisture. Significant relations are indicated for well-watered soil by black lines and for dry soil by grey lines ($p \leq 0.05$).

1.2 Supplementary Table

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE 1 Two-factorial analyses of variance (ANOVA) on the significance of the effects of the soil N:P ratio (NP), soil moisture (M), and their interaction on the variance of fine root or young leaf P concentrations, fine root or young leaf N:P ratio, area-based instantaneous late-summer photosynthesis (A_{800}), and specific leaf area (SLA) of young Palestine oak (*Quercus calliprinos*) trees. Given are F values and the probabilities of error p . Response variables were log-transformed to resemble normality. Significant effects ($p \leq 0.05$) are indicated by bold letters (n = 48 for P concentrations and SLA; n = 24 for N:P ratios).

	P_{Fine roots}		P_{Young leaves}		N:P_{Fine roots}		N:P_{Young leaves}		A₈₀₀		SLA	
	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>p</i>
NP	2.32	0.11	2.31	0.11	0.23	0.80	5.38	0.02	8.02	0.001	3.50	0.04
M	0.00	0.95	0.23	0.63	4.09	0.07	2.78	0.12	0.02	0.89	1.05	0.31
NP*M	1.19	0.31	0.83	0.45	0.18	0.83	2.34	0.14	0.44	0.65	2.25	0.12